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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2236

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LA

SUBJ: DEFMIN WARNED TO AVOID SKIRMISHES WITH PATHET LAO

1. DEFMIN SISOUK TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS FURIOUS WITH HIM AND WITH FAR FOR CONDUCTING A SMALL SWEEP NORTH OF VIENTIANE WHICH HAS LED TO SEVERAL MINOR CONTACTS WITH PATHET LAO TROOPS IN THE AREA. THE PL HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE THERE UNDER THE AGREEMENT AND ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BROUGHT IN SOME REINFORCEMENTS. THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD SISOUK THAT IF HE WANTED TO TURN LAOS INTO ANOTHER CAMBODIA OR VIETNAM, HE SHOULD PROCEED WITH HIS PLAN; IF HE DID NOT, HE SHOULD DESIST FORTHWITH. ACCORDING TO SISOUK, SOUVANNA ADDED THAT IF FAR DOES NOT SETTLE DOWN HE WILL ORDER THE PL TO ATTACK. WHEN I SAW THEM, SISOUK, GENERAL KOUPRASITH AND OTHER FAR STAFF OFFICERS WERE GLUMLY DECIDING TO DESIST.

2. COMMENT: SISOUK WAS A BIT EXCITED SO THIS EPISODE MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY ACCURATE. IN MY VIEW IT DOES REFLECT THE DEGREE TO WHICH SOUVANNA IS  
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TRIMMING HIS SAILS.

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